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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 620
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Eric Westmoreland for his outstanding athletic accomplishments and his exemplary citizenship.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for this General Assembly to pause in its deliberations and recognize those outstanding young people who possess the rare combination of tremendous athletic ability and earnest social responsibility; and

WHEREAS, a native of Jasper, Eric Westmoreland is one such noteworthy individual; and

WHEREAS, a Marion High School Football standout at running back and defensive back, Eric Westmoreland led the Warriors to an astounding record of fifty-six wins and one loss and three State Championships in 1992, 1994, and 1995; and

WHEREAS, in his senior season, Eric rushed for an amazing 2,359 yards and scored forty touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his team's remarkable accomplishments, Mr. Westmoreland earned numerous accolades including the All-State Football Team in 1994 and 1995; the Clinic

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Bowl's Most Valuable Player in 1994 and 1995; the 1995 Lawrenceburg Quarterback Club Player of the Year; and the TSSAA Mr. Football for Class AAA; and

WHEREAS, a multitalented athlete, Eric Westmoreland earned All-District Honors for baseball in 1994 and 1995 and All-District recognition for basketball in 1995; and

WHEREAS, for his incomparable football accomplishments at Marion High School, Mr. Westmoreland was awarded a full football scholarship to the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Eric Westmoreland enjoyed an excellent career as an outside linebacker at the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, as a sophomore, he earned a starting position as an outside linebacker, in which position he greatly contributed to the success of the Vols' defense with 79 tackles, 11 tackles for loss, and two interceptions; and

WHEREAS, his excellent play as a sophomore was instrumental in Tennessee's perfect 13-0 season and National Championship in 1998; and

WHEREAS, despite missing two games due to injuries, Eric excelled as a junior, recording 51 tackles, nine tackles for loss, two fumbles caused, and two fumbles recovered; and

WHEREAS, Eric Westmoreland had a marvelous senior campaign as he recorded 83 tackles, ten tackles for loss, five sacks, and one interception; he also earned numerous honors including the 2000 All-Bowl Team and being named First Team All-Southeastern Conference; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the Volunteers, Eric established himself as a team leader and was named Captain of the 2000 team by his teammates; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the University of Tennessee, Eric Westmoreland was selected in the 2001 National Football League Draft by the Jacksonville Jaguars; he has enjoyed a successful rookie season with Jacksonville and shows tremendous promise for an outstanding career in the NFL; and

WHEREAS, not only is Mr. Westmoreland an incredible football player, he is a tremendous asset to the community, participating in numerous camps, clinics, and activities for those whom life has treated unkindly; and

WHEREAS, he is an individual of impeccable character and is highly regarded by his coaches, teammates, and fans; and

WHEREAS, his outstanding commitment to the time-honored values of family and community has earned him numerous honors including, "Eric Westmoreland Day" in his home town of Jasper; and

WHEREAS, Eric Westmoreland is an outstanding athlete, an exceptional person, and the State of Tennessee takes great pride in his great athletic accomplishments and sterling character and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Eric Westmoreland for his outstanding athletic accomplishments and his exemplary citizenship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.